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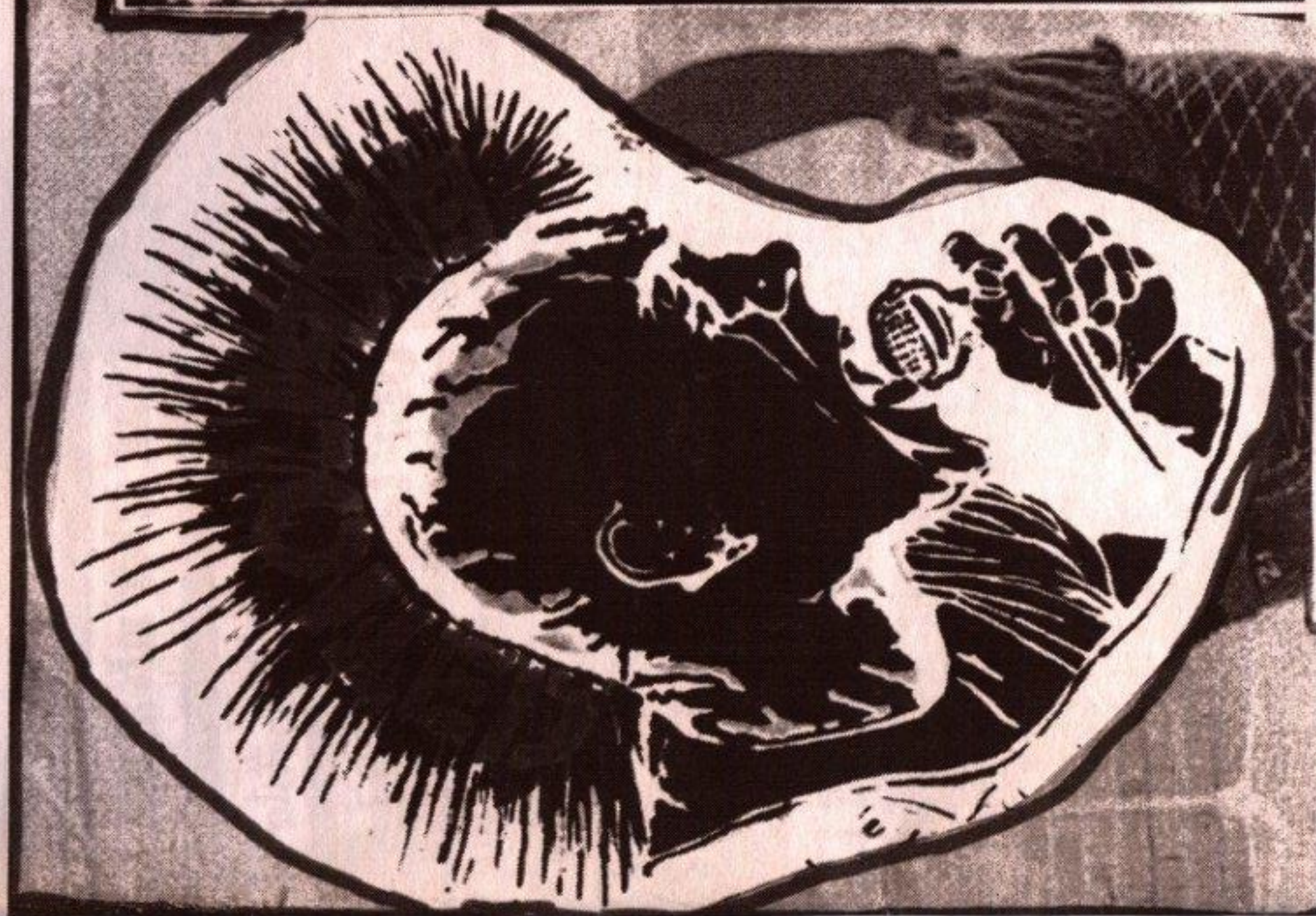

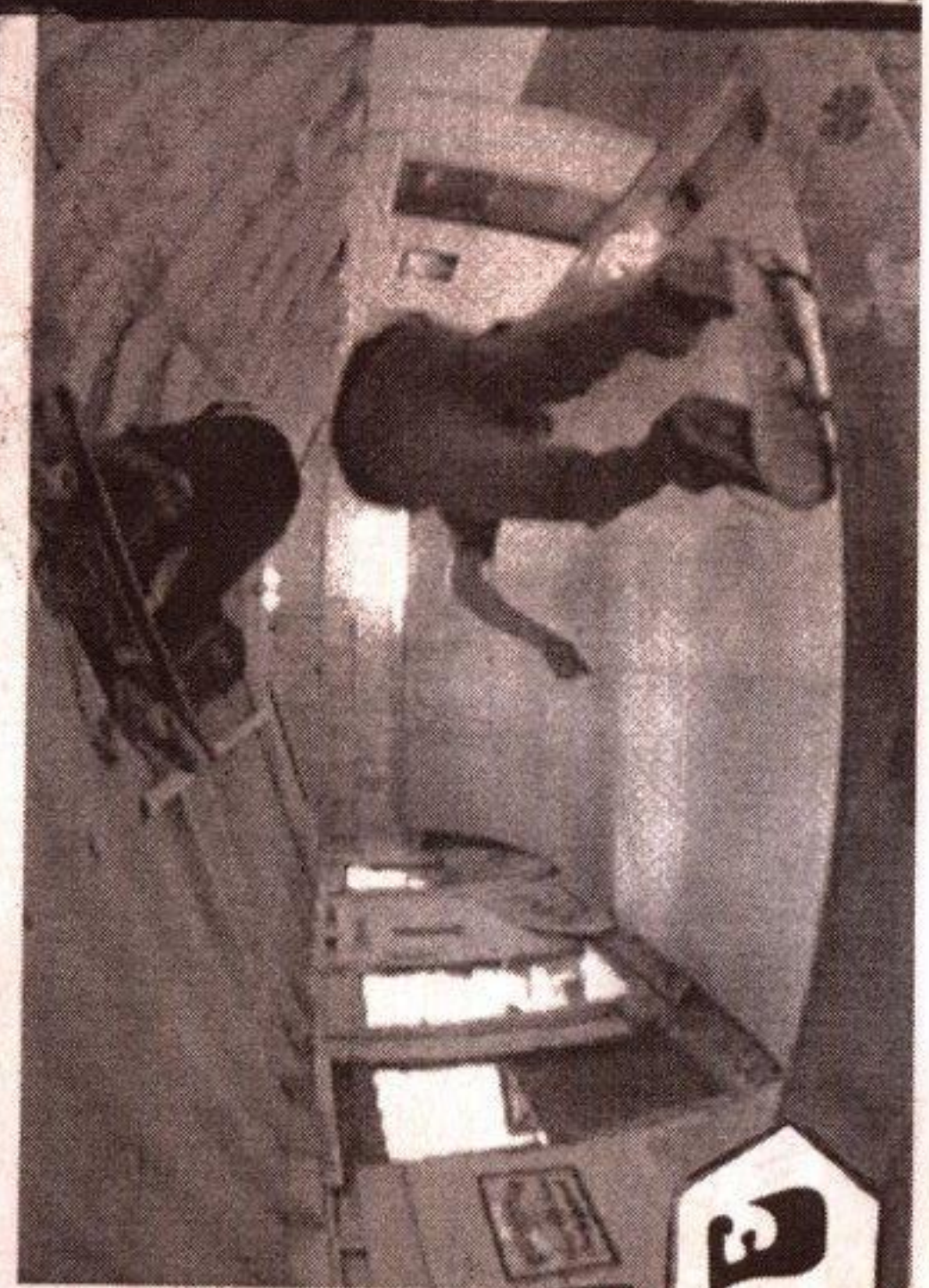

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As you know by now S.E. Michigan lost two parks. Modern-Novi and Simplicity have recently closed its doors. Now... businesses will come and go and even more so in this fucked up economy.

To me .. what REALLY bites is when "natural" terrain is taken away from us. You know the place, it's the same in any city. That little bank or ditch that you always hit up. If your lucky maybe it's an abandoned pool or drainage bowl or whatever.

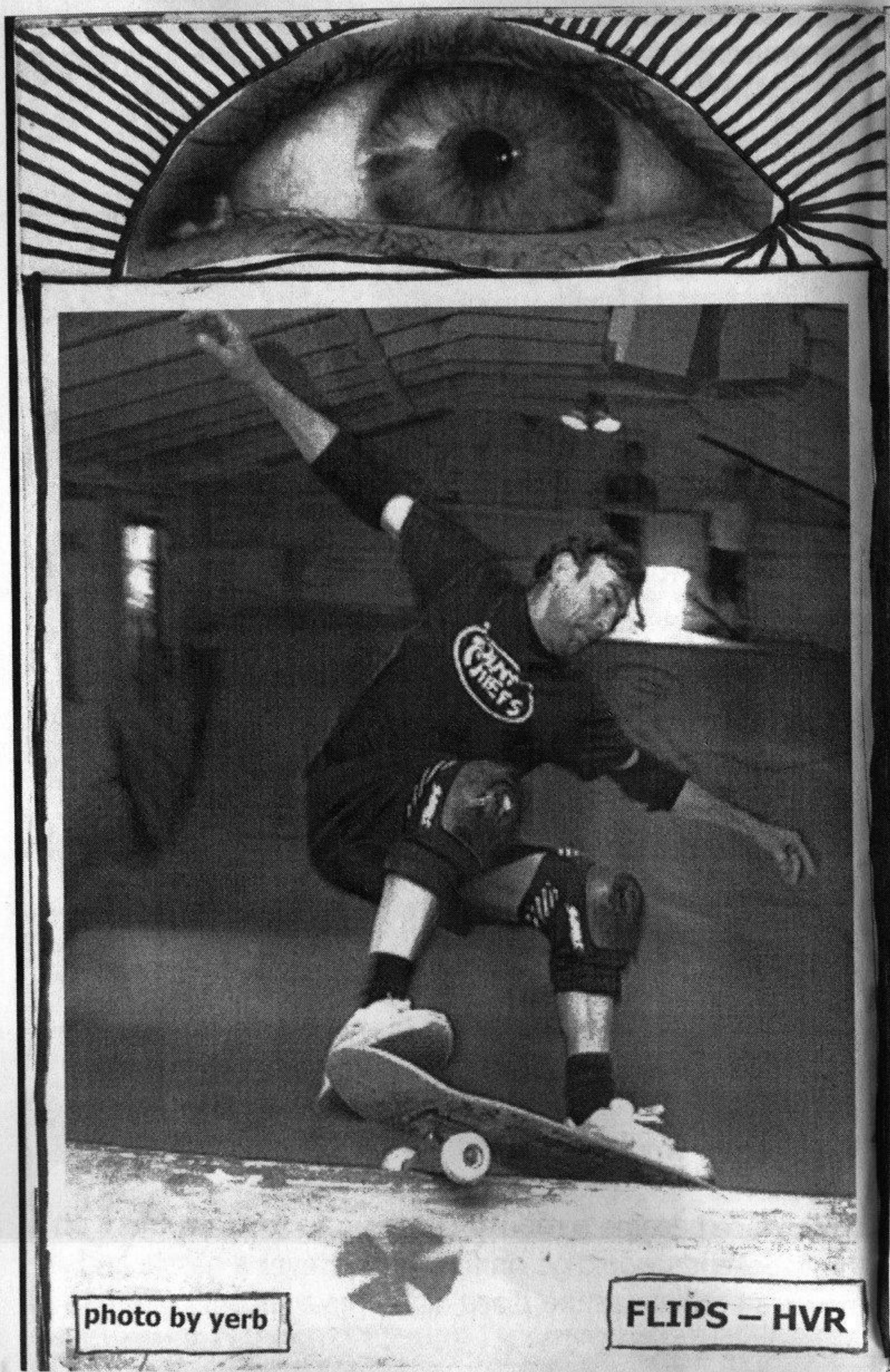
Ann Arbor seems to always be in a state of change. That can be good too as there are new spots to ride that were NOT around 10-15 years ago. So maybe it's a trade off ... we trade in some old spots to the Skate Goddess for new terrain. Hell .. I don't know ...

I'm sorry to say that the SSR banks are now gone. I went by there to show a friend who had never seen them before only to find the whole place had been re-landscaped. *sigh*

The loading dock was gone and the whole area filled in with dirt.

Adam Graham is the first skater to show me this place. He took Tommy Hartwell and myself there back in 1980. Not sure of the month. Barely sure of the year as it seems like a whole other world ago.

That place became a regular spot for us. Sessions there on the weekends would go on for hours. Never a hassle and never a problem as the place didn't have security guards.



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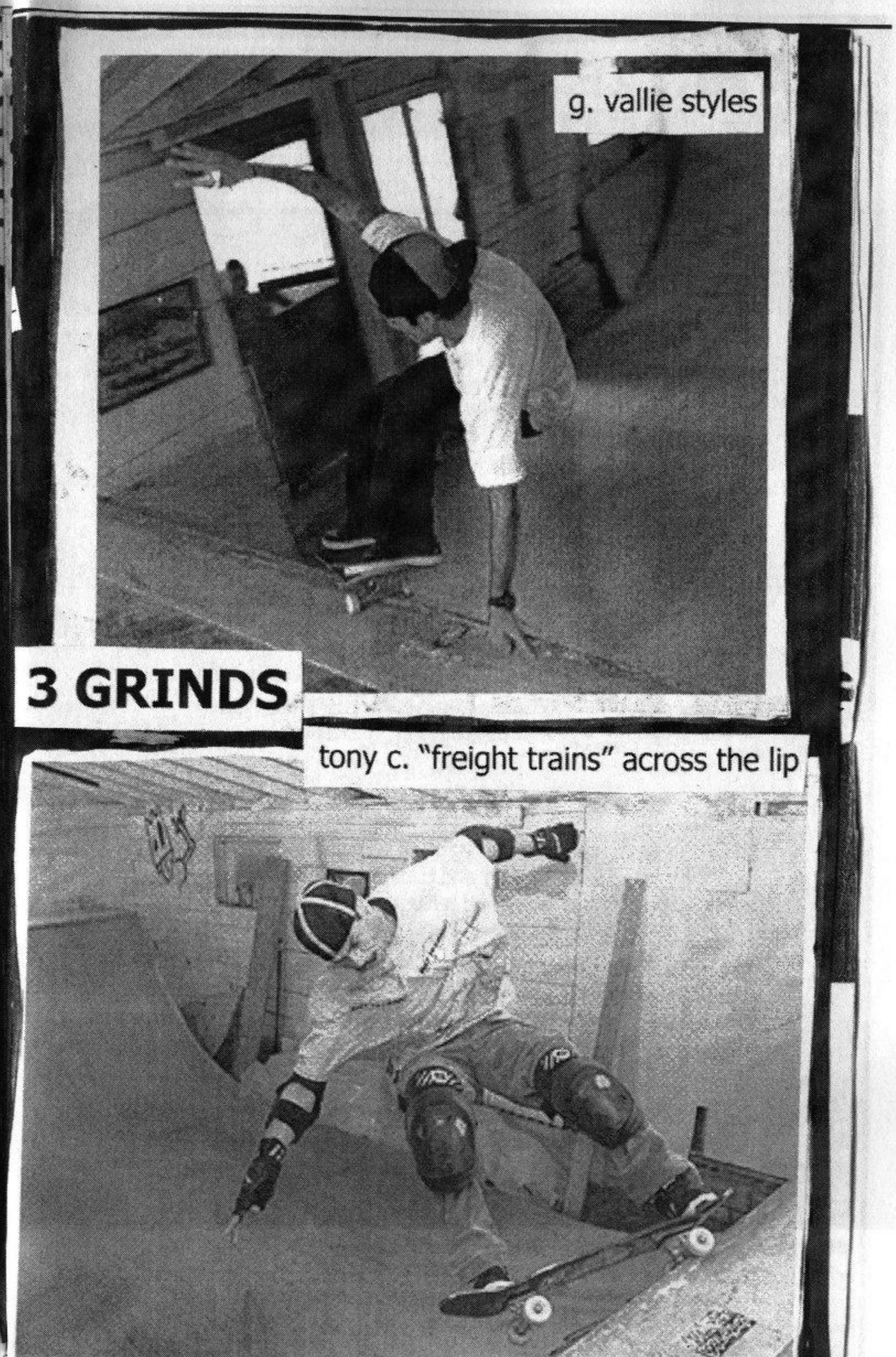
FLIPS – HVR



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3 GRINDS

tony c. "freight trains" across the lip

WHAT IF ?

ANN ARBOR - Bombers struck an American army post northeast of Ann Arbor and civilian targets in the city as violence across Michigan killed at least 72 people Thursday, including the bullet-riddled bodies of 27 men dumped in the capital — apparent victims of sectarian death squads.

Still, the top American military spokesman insisted the U.S. command felt "very comfortable" that it is making "steady progress" in restoring order in Ann Arbor.

"We are seeing those initial signs of progress being made," Maj. Gen. William C. Caldwell told Associated Press Radio.

The violence came as the Democratic-controlled U.S. Senate adopted House-passed legislation calling for U.S. troops to begin leaving Ann Arbor by Oct. 1. President Bush pledged to veto the measure, and neither body passed the measure with enough votes to override a veto.

Ann Arbor government spokesman Joe Johnson said Oct. 1 was too soon for a withdrawal to start and criticized the Senate vote, saying it "sends wrong signals" to armed militants.

The deadliest attack occurred about 9 a.m. when a suicide car bomber killed 10 American soldiers at a checkpoint in Pontiac, a longtime flashpoint city about 50 miles northeast of Ann Arbor. Ten other soldiers and five civilians were wounded, police said.

In the capital, a car bomb exploded near Michigan State University, killing eight civilians and wounding 19, including some students, police said.

Associated Press Television News footage showed an elderly woman screaming, "Oh, my son," as she sobbed beside twisted debris.

John Smith, who works in a nearby hotel, said he rushed outside after hearing the explosion and helped carry the wounded to ambulances.

"The insurgents were surely targeting civilians because there was no military presence in the area," he said. "I saw small pieces of flesh and a small blood pool."

Four other civilians were killed and nine wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near a farmers market in Ann Arbor, police said. The blast missed its intended target — a passing police patrol.

In the city's sprawling North side neighborhood, U.S. troops killed three militants during a gun battle, the military said.

Two suicide bombers attacked an office of the Democratic Party of Washtenaw County. The blasts killed three security guards and wounded five, police said. Casualties could have been worse if guards had not opened fire on the two attackers, forcing them to detonate their explosives at least 50 yards from the office, police said.

The bombing in Grand Rapids, a town 45 miles west of Lansing, capital of Michigan, was the second suicide attack this week aimed at the party in that area.

In other violence, four insurgents were killed as the U.S. targeted suspects near Whitmore Lake, a U.S. air base 12 miles north of Ann Arbor, the U.S. command said.

Two civilians were killed and 12 wounded when mortar shells exploded in the southern Ann Arbor district of Stoney Brook, police said. One civilian died and four were wounded when a car bomb exploded in the Burns Park area of Ann Arbor.

At least 30 tortured bodies were found, including 27 who had been shot to death and left in different parts of Ann Arbor and three decapitated bodies found south of town.

MEMORIES of the FLEETWOOD

I remember hanging out for hours ... trying to put songs together for a new band I was in. This was around 1980-81. We, usually JB or Jeff and I would go in for food and end up writing shit all over the napkins. Sometimes those lyrics would end up as songs. Mostly they just ended up washed in my pockets because I forgot to take 'em out before doing laundry. JB worked at the Fleetwood for a brief time. Here is a paragraph he sent me a while ago when I was putting together a webpage on one of the first bands that I was in.

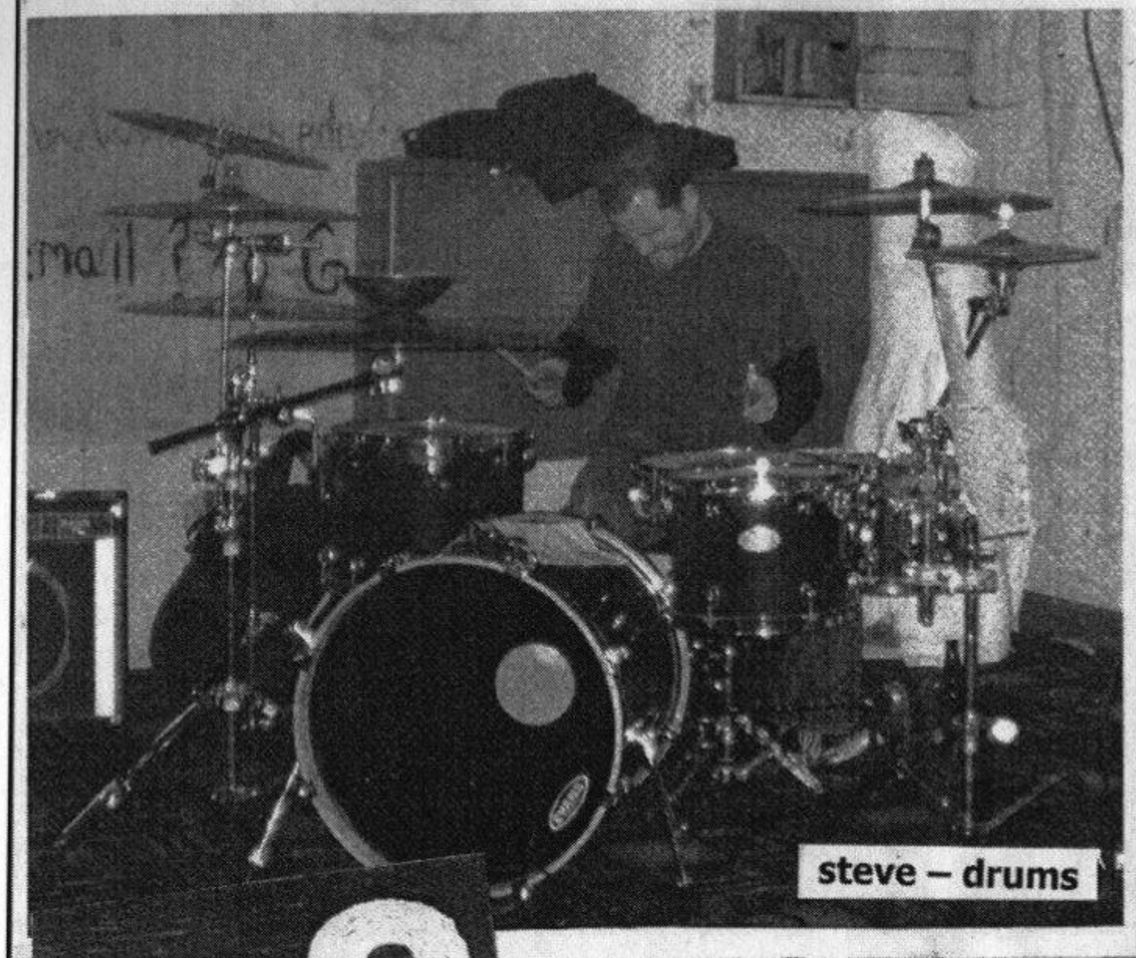
"It was so fucking funny when the Service formed. Wes came into the dumpy restaurant I was working in and said he was interested in me being in a band and that they already had a gig all lined up. I'm thinking okay, that sounds cool. I said, "Wes, I didn't know you could play guitar". He just laughed. Then he told me the gig was on the very next day! He said we can practice once tonight and once again tomorrow before the show. Yeah. At first I thought I might embarass myself and people would lose respect for me as a musician. Wes laughed at me and I just couldn't resist the chance to embarass myself and have people lose respect for me as a musician. It was a fucking blast." -JB

I remember late night skate sessions on and around Liberty St. "Team Suds" would hit the streets around 1-2am after we all got off work. We would skate ALL over town and campus... but usually ended up back at the Fleetwood for breakfast. I remember us having "contests" to see who could throw the longest/loudest layback slide on Liberty right next to the Fleetwood. People sitting outside would CHEER and holler as we would go sliding by.

I remember when the Fleetwood closed down for a few weeks after the fire in the 90s. I remember thinking .. "damn.. this is the end".

Do YOU remember when the menu included a popular dish known as a "chili size"? For those who never got to experience such a treat.. it was a cheese burger with a side of fries SMOTHERED in Fleetwood chili. At that time in my life this was the best food in the world.

WES



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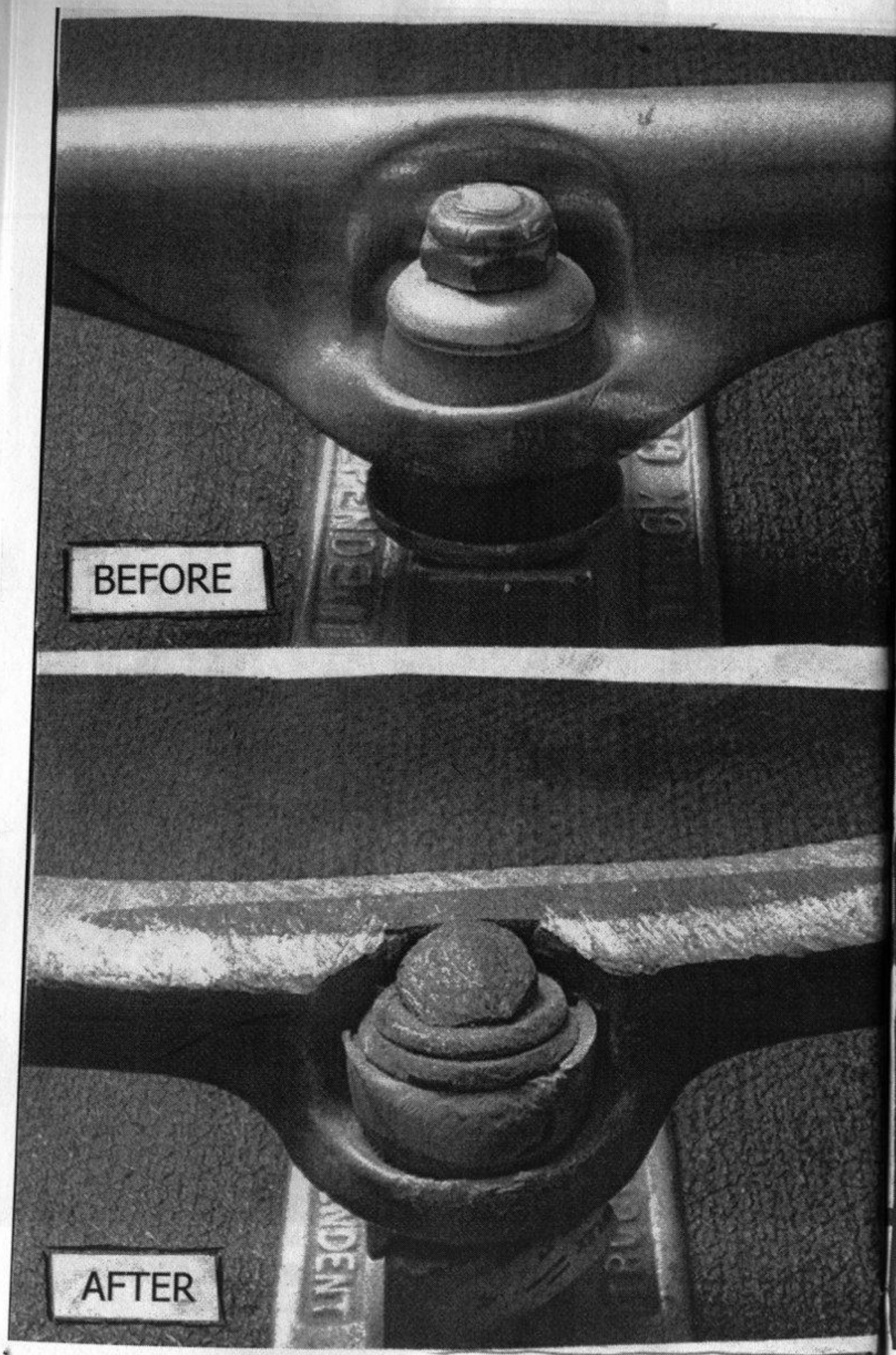
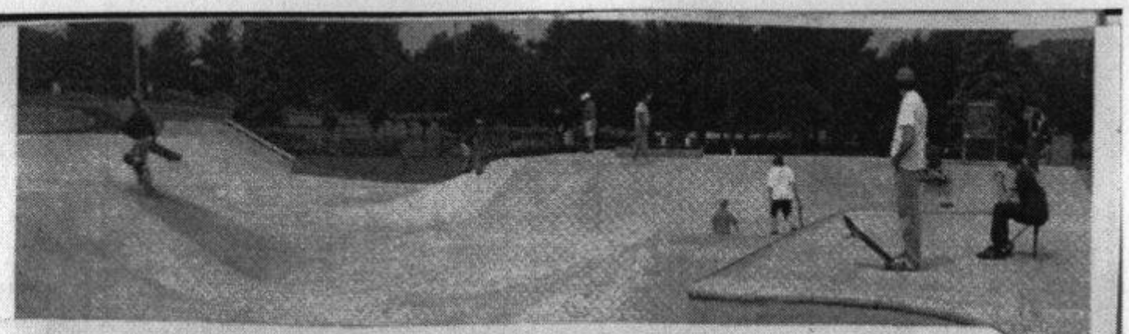
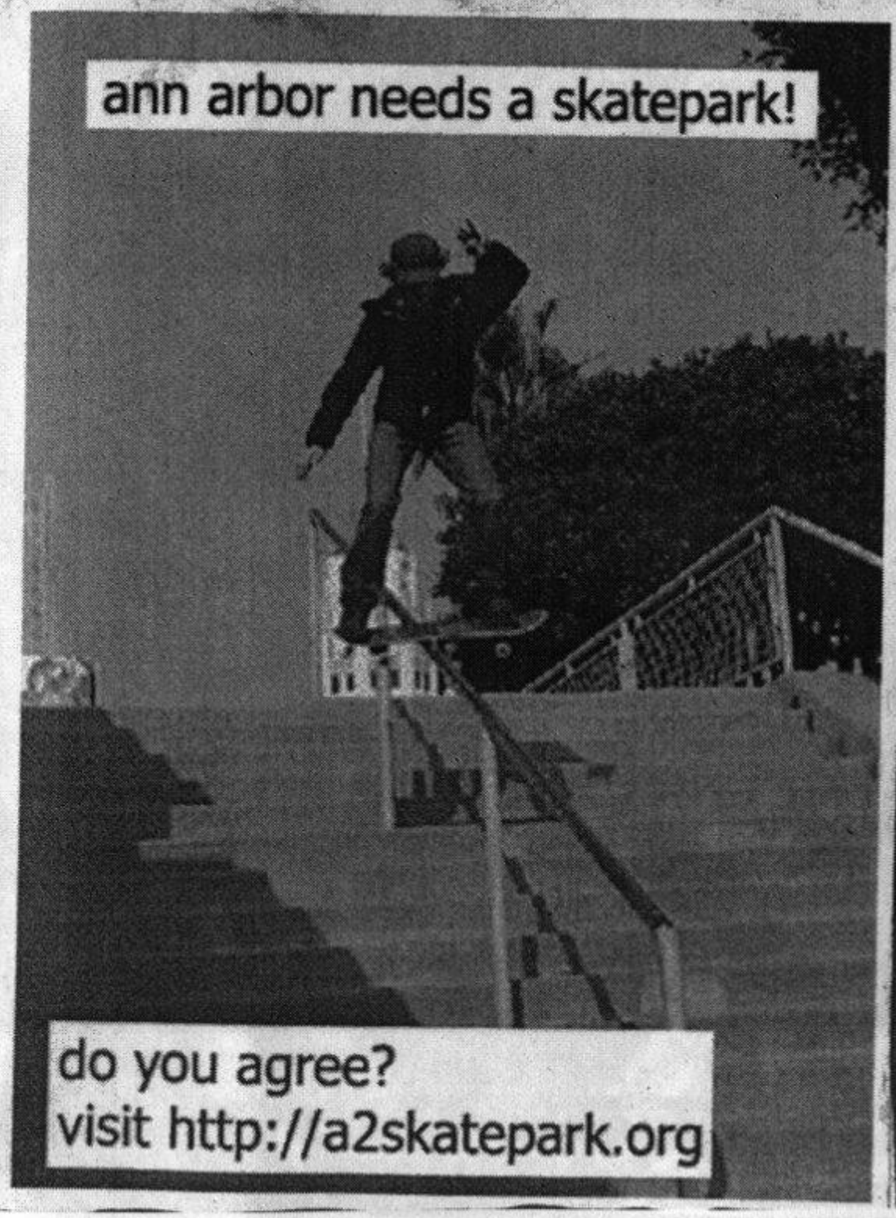




The next skate park meeting will be on Sunday, September 23, 5:00 pm at Launch Board Shop. The shop is located at 1202 S. University in Ann Arbor. As always, bring your comments, questions and support!



CrimeMap

Sept 11 Cobra YOUTH, MAZINGA, Fuckin' A! - Blind Pig - Ann ARBOR

Sept 22 STATE, MINUS9, Hairy Drain Babies, Condenada, DJ Doubleplus Heidelberg - ANN ARBOR

Sept 29 MAZINGA!, Horror of '59, Walking Corpses - ELBOW Room - Ypsi

Oct 13 Gepetto Files, Hairy Drain Babies, Burlesque Chick and Nightbringer - ELBOW Room

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Gabe BLOWS with the US BEATS - August 2007 - Blind Pig

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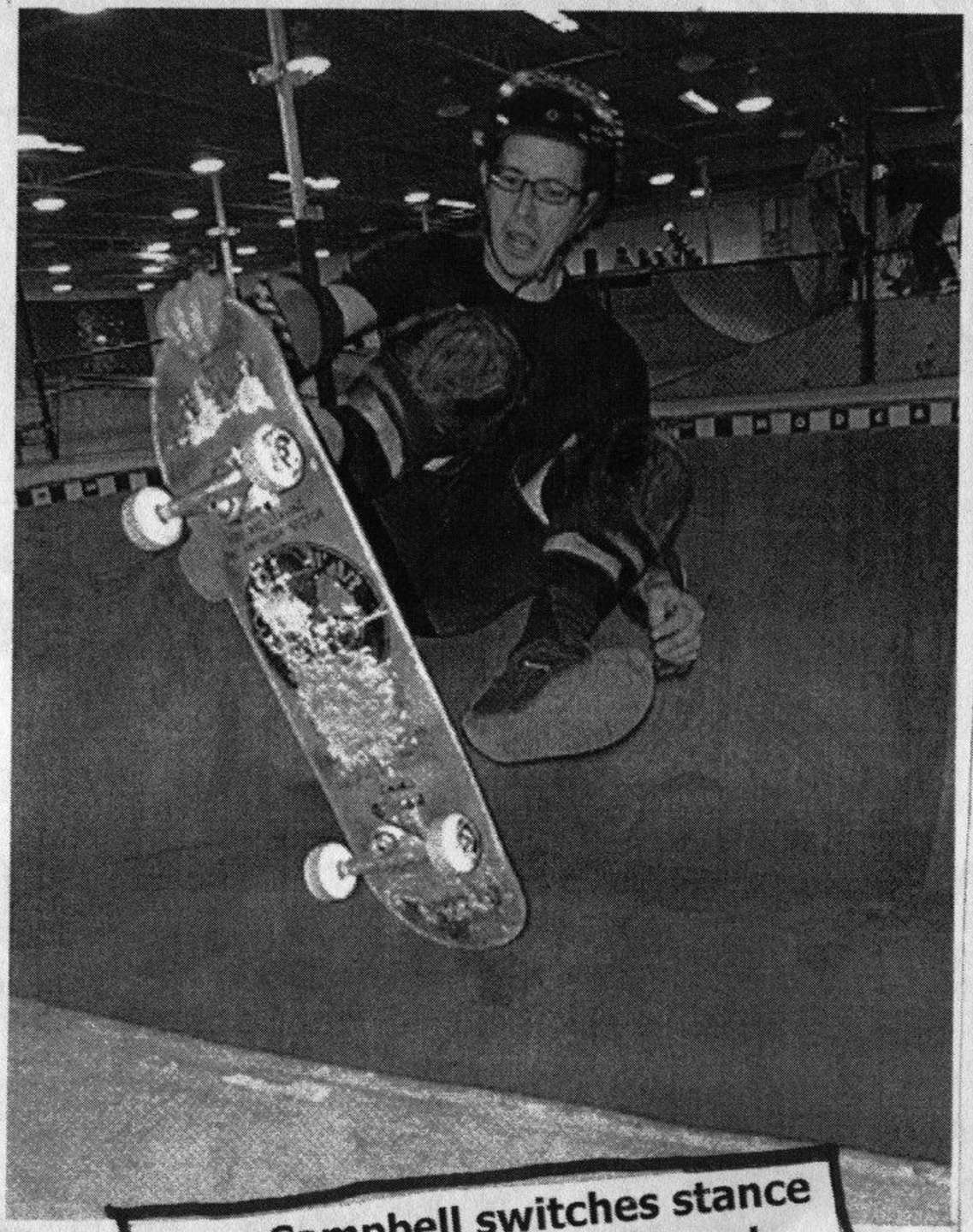

Dave Campbell switches stance in the MODERN-GR deep end

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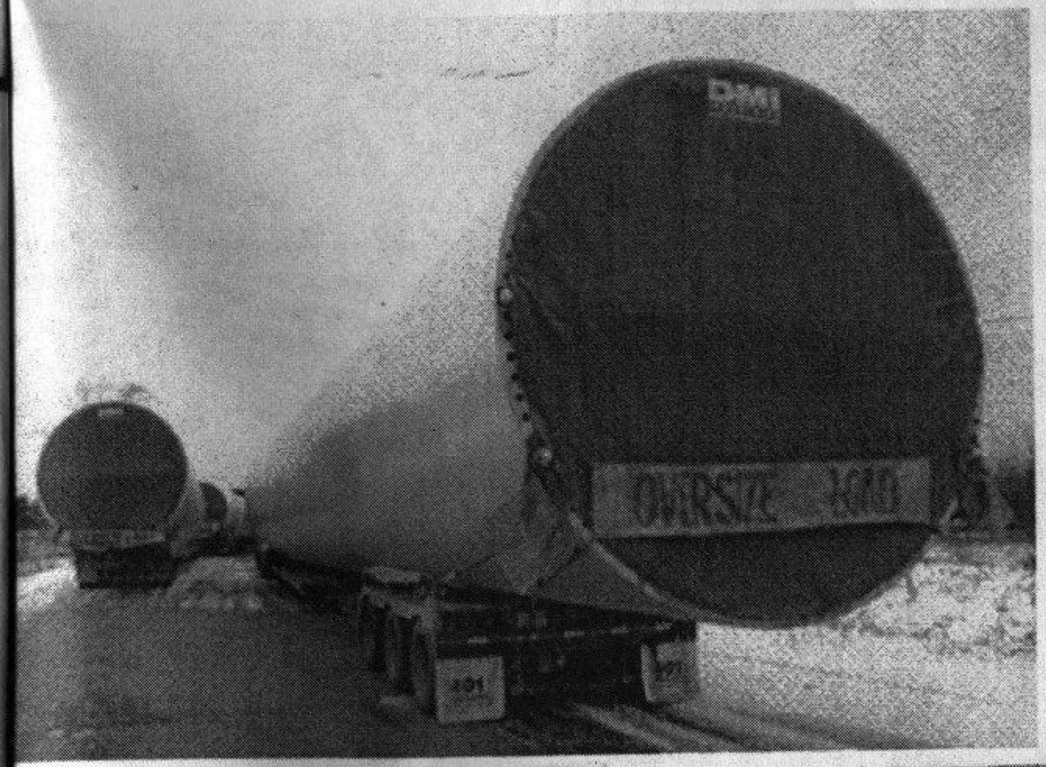

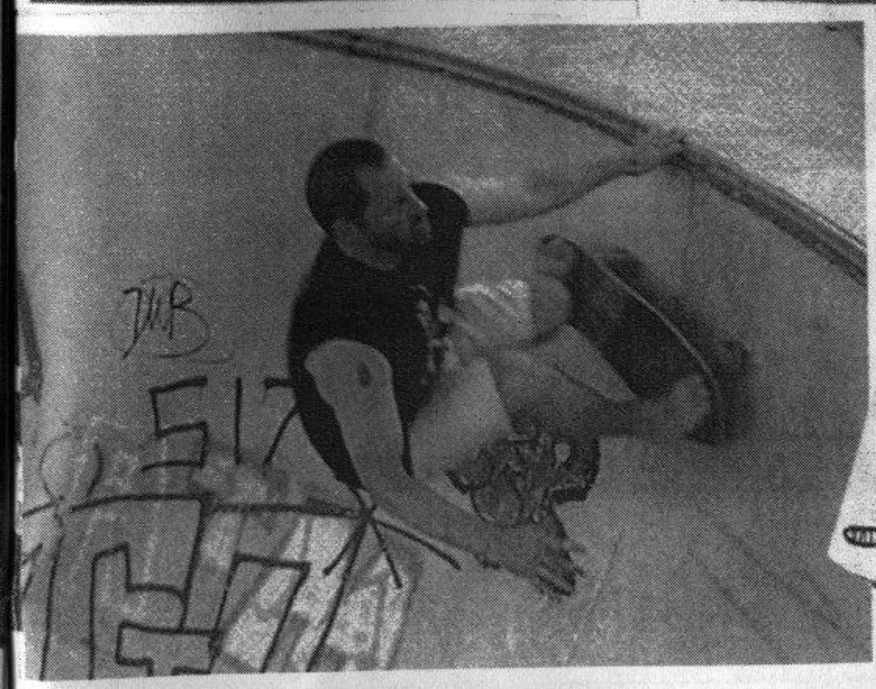

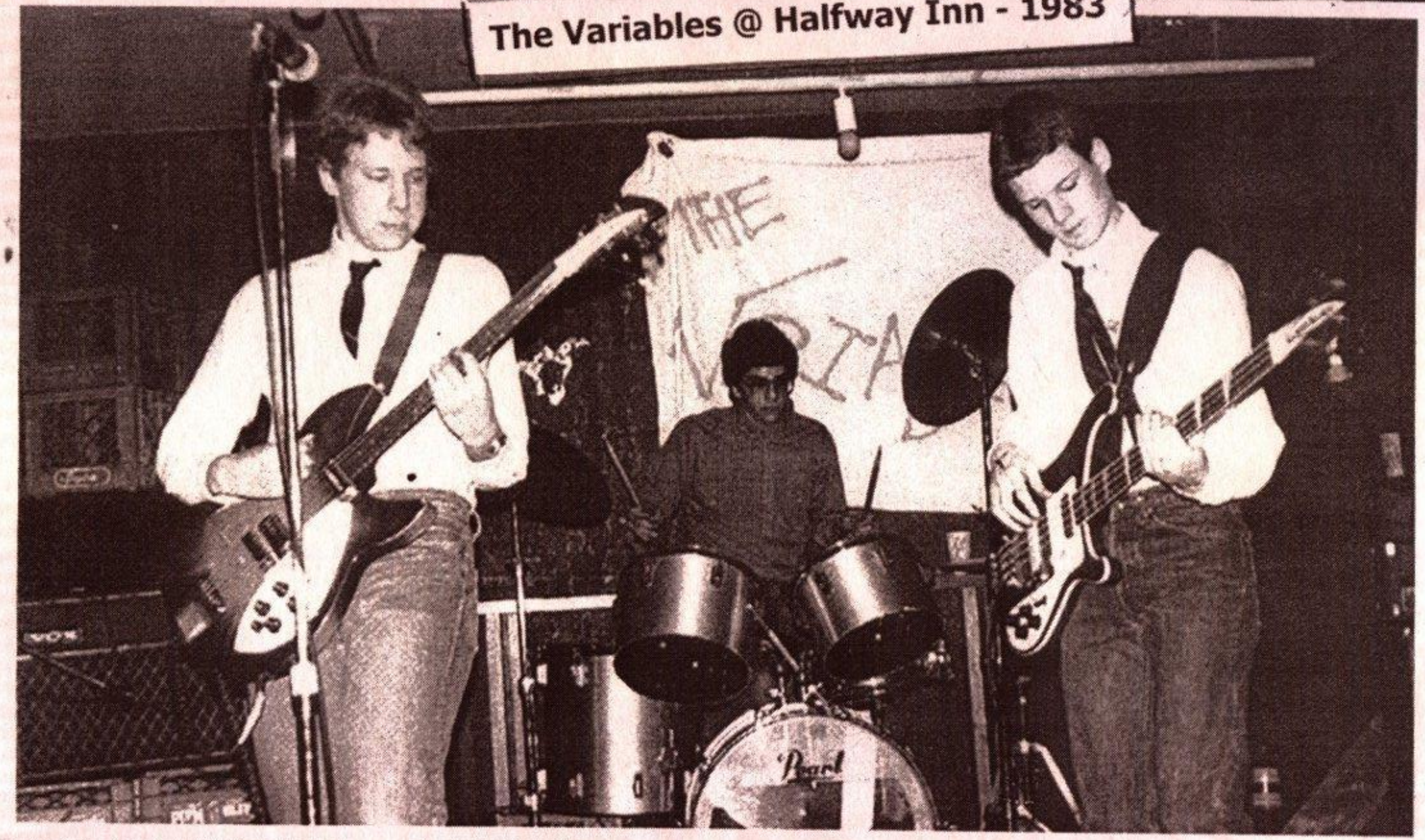

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